

Vantage Highway Fire Update

NORTHWEST INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM 12

Incident Commanders: Jeff Dimke and Bobby Shindelar
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The Vantage Highway Fire is located approximately 5 miles west of Vantage, WA. The Incident Command Post at the Kittitas Fairgrounds in Ellensburg is closed to all but essential personnel to help ensure the health and safety of community members and firefighters.

Weather

It will be hot and dry in the Cow Canyon Fire area today, with temperatures in the mid-90s. There is a chance for thunderstorms today and tonight.

Operations

No storms or strong winds impacted the fire area yesterday. Firefighters continued fire suppression repair work, adding water bars to roads and restoring natural drainage to areas impacted by firefighting, reducing the potential for sediment from containment lines to impact local streams and rivers.

There remains a possibility of thunderstorms today. Firefighters are patrolling along containment lines on the Vantage Highway Fire and remain watchful for any flare-ups due to outflow winds from passing storms or new fire starts. Decreasing activity on the Vantage Highway Fire requires fewer resources, allowing excess equipment and crews to be demobilized to rest and refurbish equipment and be prepared to assist on other fires in the region.

Vantage Highway is open.

Closures

The Quilomene and Whiskey Dick wildlife area units within the L.T. Murray Wildlife Area are temporarily closed to protect public safety during the Vantage Highway Fire.

Fire Prevention

On average, human-caused wildfires make up 87% of all wildfire occurrences annually. Many of these wildfires occur in proximity to roadways, communities, and recreational areas, posing considerable threat to public safety. Members of the community can help us by making responsible decisions when they recreate on public lands and by following public fire restrictions.



VANTAGE HIGHWAY FIRE

SIZE: 30,659 acres

CONTAINMENT: 90%

CAUSE: Under Investigation

PERSONNEL: 126

RESOURCES:

Hand Crew: 1

Engines: 5

Dozer: 1

FIRE INFORMATION:

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